



Global AIDS Program

Country Profile — *Senegal FY2004*

Under the direction of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator's Office, the HHS/CDC Global AIDS Program (GAP) is a proud partner in the unified U.S. Government effort to implement the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. GAP helps resource-constrained countries prevent HIV infection; improve treatment, care and support for people living with HIV; and build capacity and infrastructure to address the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.



HIV/AIDS Situation in Senegal

HIV Infected: 74,890¹
AIDS Deaths: 3,740¹
AIDS Orphans: 18,600¹

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Senegal is categorized as "concentrated" due to its relatively low prevalence in the general population contrasted by relatively high levels of infection among high-risk groups. HIV prevalence among pregnant women is estimated at 1.5 percent compared to 17 percent prevalence for commercial sex workers (CSWs). This pattern has remained relatively stable since the start of the national HIV surveillance program. Behavioral surveillance surveys designed to measure HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) risk behaviors among specific population groups

have been conducted throughout the country. Approximately 14.8 percent of tuberculosis (TB) patients in Dakar are HIV-positive.

About GAP Senegal

Year Established: 2000

FY 2004 Core Funds: \$580,000

In-country Staffing: 1 Locally Employed Staff

Senegal's success in maintaining its low prevalence rate is largely due to strong political leadership, stabilizing social norms, and early and appropriate public health interventions. Other factors which have contributed to the maintenance of a relatively low prevalence rate include a conservative cultural norm regarding sexual practices, the creation of a safe blood supply for transfusion, regular medical exams of "registered" CSWs and promotion of condoms.

GAP Senegal is implemented by Family Health International (FHI) under a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Activities currently supported by GAP Senegal include voluntary HIV Counseling and testing (VCT), surveillance, laboratory support and monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

Website:
www.cdc.gov/gap



FY2004 GAP Senegal Achievements

Number of individuals who received counseling and testing at CDC/GAP-supported sites	6,910
Number of country nationals trained in the provision of laboratory activities	87
Number of HIV tests performed at CDC/GAP-supported laboratories	21,310
Number of individuals trained in surveillance methods and operations	12
Number of individuals trained by CDC/GAP for a technical program area	29
Number of organizations/agencies receiving CDC/GAP support for monitoring and evaluation activities	—
<i>Data above are from GAP Senegal's 2004 Annual Report.</i>	

Critical Interventions for HIV/AIDS Prevention

- ◆ Supported the implementation of rapid HIV test algorithms to standardize testing techniques and increase the number of HIV counseling and testing clients who receive their test results.
- ◆ Assisted in the expansion of VCT services by providing translated VCT manuals to the HIV/AIDS Division of the Ministry of Health.

Critical Intervention for HIV/AIDS Surveillance and Infrastructure Development

- ◆ Provided equipment, laboratory supplies and reagents to all sentinel surveillance sites to improve the quality of surveillance data.
- ◆ Provided logistical support for a follow-up regional M&E capacity building workshop for 25 African countries.
- ◆ Provided technical assistance for M&E capacity building.